

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 23 April: Justice and Home Affairs – Questions 4 and 8.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Norman Afrin, Minister, Sandyhills Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
The International Situation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
17011 Douglas Lumsden: Addressing Waiting
Times in NHS Grampian

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport
Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration
Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and
Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

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**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S6M-17011](#) Douglas Lumsden: Addressing Waiting Times in NHS Grampian—That the Parliament notes the reported concerns regarding challenges that NHS Grampian is facing in relation to staffing shortages and resource limitations, which it understands has contributed to delays in patient care and increased pressure on existing medical personnel; acknowledges that, in September 2024, NHS Grampian reported that over 3,000 patients were waiting over two years for hospital treatment, which it believes was the highest number among Scottish NHS boards; understands that, in November 2024, NHS Grampian declared a board level critical incident, which led to the diversion of ambulance patients to hospitals outside the region due in part to sustained pressures at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; notes that, in late November 2024, NHS Grampian experienced a significant rise in delayed discharges, with 199 cases, which according to the NHS board accounted for 13% of all beds in the region; believes that hospitals in the area are using outdated medical equipment, including an MRI scanner and an X-ray machine that are 15 and 27 years old, respectively, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to develop an urgent plan to tackle what it regards as the ongoing issues within NHS Grampian that are impacting on patient care and service delivery.

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/78)
3. **Scotland's train and bus services:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Greig MacKay, Director for Scotland, Bus Users UK;
Islay Jackson MSYP, Deputy Convener of the Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, Scottish Youth Parliament;
Robert Samson, Senior Engagement Manager, Transport Focus;
and then from—
Stephen Smellie, Member of UNISON's National Executive Council and Scottish Committee, UNISON Scotland;
Jackson Cullinane, Head of Unite Scotland's Politics & Campaigns Unit, UNITE;
Gordon Martin, RMT Scotland Organiser, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT);
Kevin Lindsay, District Organiser, Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.
4. **Scotland's train and bus services:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to a Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **The Scottish budget process in practice:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tom Josephs, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, and Laura Gardiner, Acting Chief of Staff, Office for Budget Responsibility;
and then from—
Professor Mairi Spowage, Director, Fraser of Allander Institute;
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling.

2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 11th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Building safety and maintenance:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Stephen Garvin, Deputy Director, Building Standards, Alan Johnston, Deputy Director, Cladding Remediation, and Ruth Whatling, Housing Standards team leader, Better Homes, Scottish Government.
3. **Building safety and maintenance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Cladding remediation programme:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Minister for Housing.
5. **Council Tax inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.
6. **Housing inquiry:** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.
7. **National Planning Framework 4 annual review:** The Committee will consider its approach to its annual review of the fourth National Planning Framework.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
9. **Child poverty:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/101)
3. **Care Reform (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
4. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the response from the Member-in-charge to points raised on the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on UK Ministers in the Bill.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider scrutiny of subordinate legislation made under Acts resulting from Scottish Law Commission Bills.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 2 April 2025

Wednesday 23 April 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business
Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Government Welfare Reforms

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16869 Jackie Dunbar: Global Intergenerational Week 2025

Thursday 24 April 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16978 Neil Bibby: BBC Scotland's Decision to End River City and Close its Dumbarton Studios

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Debate: Inquiry into Framework Legislation and Henry VIII Powers

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 April 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 April 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 May 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Education, Children and Young People Committee

23 April 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

23 April 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, supported by Jim Wilson, Licensing Team Leader, Scottish Government.
2. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

23 April 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open. The Committee will take evidence from—
John Lunn, Chief Executive, Scottish Swimming
Derek McGown, Coach, East Kilbride Swimming Club
Duncan Scott OBE, Olympic Athlete

Abi Thomson, Young Volunteer Programme Champion
and then from—

Dianne Breen, Coached Programmes Manager, Sport Aberdeen

Kirsty Doig, Director, The Darcey Sunshine Project

Jillian Gibson, Policy Manager for Sport and Physical Activity, COSLA

Ben Lamb, Chief Executive, West Lothian Leisure (Xcite)

and then consider—

PE1610: Upgrade the A75;

PE1657: A77 upgrade;

PE1916: Request a public inquiry into the management of the rest and be thankful project;

PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan;

PE2132: Publish a timeline for the dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Nairn by Easter 2025;

PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems;

PE1962: Stop motorhomes parking overnight out with formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires;

PE2024: Create a national, public information programme to raise awareness of the impacts of steroids, selective androgen receptor modulators, and other performance enhancing drugs;

PE2079: Introduce legislation to provide for exemptions in paying medical facility parking charges and to create a new classification of parking badge for care-givers; and

PE2136: Make non-fatal strangulation a standalone criminal offence in Scotland.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2139: Automatic expulsion for children charged with committing a crime against another child; and
PE2146: Allow the use of privately sourced donor eggs in NHS funded IVF treatment.
4. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee

23 April 2025

12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tony Burns, Chief Operating Officer, ACS Clothing;
Jennifer Davies, Strategic Workforce Manager, ScottishPower Energy Networks;
Doug Duguid, Chief Executive, Aurora Energy Services;
Stevie Wilson, Global Apprenticeship Manager, SCORE Group.
2. **Skills Delivery (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee

23 April 2025

12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car use:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, and Roy Brannen, Director-General Net Zero, Scottish Government;
Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Fiona Brown, Interim Director of Transport Strategy and Analysis, and Heather Cowan, Head of Climate Change and Just Transition for Transport, Transport Scotland;
Robert Nicol, Chief Officer, Environment and Economy, and Cllr Gail Macgregor, Leader, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Environment and Economy Spokesperson, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA).
3. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car use:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **The 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

23 April 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/58)
2. **People's Panel on tackling drug deaths and drugs harm:** The Committee will consider a paper on the recommendations of the People's Panel on drug deaths and drugs harm.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

24 April 2025

12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

24 April 2025

13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **UK Internal Market Act 2020 - Consultation and Review (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft submission to the UK Government's Consultation on the UK Internal Market Act Review.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

24 April 2025

6th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Committee effectiveness:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
Professor Philip Lord Norton of Louth, Professor of Government and Director of the Centre for Legislative Studies, University of Hull;
Professor Diana Stirbu, Co-Director of the Centre for Applied Research in Empowering Society (CARES), London Metropolitan University;
Dr Stephen Holden Bates, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, University of Birmingham;
Dr Ruth Fox, Director and Head of Research, Hansard Society.
3. **Evidence Session: Committee effectiveness** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Guidance on Chamber business:** The Committee will consider revised guidance on Chamber business.

Proposed future business

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

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Motions Glusadan				

Motions

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Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-17242](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: UK Government Welfare Reforms**—That the Parliament calls on the UK Labour administration to immediately scrap its damaging social security reforms, as announced in the *Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper*; highlights the UK Government's own impact analysis, which shows that 250,000 people, including 50,000 children, will be pushed into poverty under these plans, and notes the Resolution Foundation's report that lower-income households are set to become £500 a year poorer, following the UK Government's Spring Statement 2025.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*, Paul McLennan*

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S6M-17172](#) Clare Adamson: The Harm of Gambling Addiction**—That the Parliament notes reports of the concerning rise of gambling addiction in Scotland, including in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency; believes that gambling can have adverse impacts on the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, communities and society, such as loss of employment, debt and a deterioration of physical and mental health, and that this can lead to increased risk of suicide among individuals affected by problem gambling; understands that approximately 1% of the adult population in Scotland, around 55,000 people, is estimated to be experiencing severe gambling problems, with a further 3.8% at risk of developing gambling-related issues, according to the *Scottish Health Survey 2020*; further understands that gambling-related crime, often driven by financial desperation, poses a threat to public safety and community wellbeing, with GamCare's annual statistics report suggesting that more than 50% of individuals seeking help for gambling addiction also reported committing criminal acts to fund gambling activities; considers gambling addiction to be a significant public health issue and notes the view that it requires sustained policy intervention; believes with concern that there is an unprecedented variety of gambling apps, websites, online games, lotteries and social media platforms; notes with further concern marketing campaigns that promote gambling, despite the reported myriad public health concerns, and commends organisations, such as GamCare and the John Hartson Foundation, for their commitment and dedication to reducing the harm of problem gambling

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Motions Glusadan				

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Collette Stevenson*, Alex Rowley*, Ash Regan*, Maggie Chapman*, Carol Mochan*, Karen Adam*, Colin Beattie*, Rhoda Grant*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Ben Macpherson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Fulton MacGregor*

***S6M-17020 James Dornan: Upholding the Gleneagles Agreement**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the important work of campaigners in Glasgow and across Scotland highlighting the campaign, Show Israel the Red Card; understands that the campaign aims to highlight what it considers to be the bias of allowing the ongoing participation of athletes representing Israel, such as Boaz Markus, in sporting events while, it believes, Israel is breaching sporting statutes and international law, as well as reportedly killing athletes and destroying their sports infrastructure due to what it sees as the ongoing occupation and genocide in Palestine; notes the recent call of the Celtic FC supporters' group, the Green Brigade, to extend this campaign to football fans from around the world; further notes the view that, now that members of the International Court of Justice have reportedly considered Israel to be an apartheid state, and that governments must take steps to end it, the Gleneagles Agreement now applies; highlights what it sees as the powerful role that sport has in promoting freedom of movement and expression of culture, which, it believes, is currently denied to Palestinian people; acknowledges what it regards as Scotland's role, as part of the UK, in the creation of the Israeli state through the Balfour Declaration; notes the view that Scotland, therefore, has a duty of redress to the Palestinian people, and further notes the view that the Scottish Government must lead the way in calling for sporting boycotts as an effective way to isolate Israel internationally and to help end what is considered as the apartheid regime in Palestine pursuant to the freedom of Palestinian people. **R**

Supported by: David Torrance, Ross Greer, Audrey Nicoll*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-17218 Annie Wells: The Passing of Paddy Higson the Mother of Scottish Film**—That the Parliament notes with deep sadness the passing of Paddy Higson OBE, at the age of 83, from cancer; recognises her outstanding and pioneering contribution to Scotland's film and television industry over several decades; acknowledges that she was widely regarded as a selfless champion of talent and was affectionately known as the "mother" of Scotland's film industry; pays tribute to her influential role as a producer on iconic films, such as *Gregory's Girl* and *Restless Natives*, and her acclaimed work on *The Magdalene Sisters* and *Orphans*, as well as her contributions to landmark Scottish television, including *Taggart*, *Monarch of the Glen* and *Cardiac Arrest*; celebrates her leadership of the Glasgow Media Access Centre, where she worked tirelessly to widen access to the industry, support underrepresented voices and mentor new generations of filmmakers, particularly in Glasgow; notes that her remarkable achievements were recognised with a BAFTA Scotland Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Industry in 2018, her appointment as an OBE in the 2023 King's New Year Honours List for services both to film and television and to diversity and inclusion and her award of an Honorary Doctorate of Drama from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; acknowledges the tributes paid from across the industry, including those describing her as a "trailblazing icon" and "kind, generous, supportive and selfless", and extends its sincere condolences to all who knew her and to the those in Scotland's screen community who are mourning her passing while celebrating her extraordinary legacy.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Rhoda Grant*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam

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Motions Gluasadan				

Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Lumsden*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

***S6M-17203 Jackie Baillie: Michael and Anna Curley Retire after 26 Years of Serving the Helensburgh Community**—That the Parliament recognises the dedication of Michael and Anna Curley to the Helensburgh community after they hang up their aprons for the final time; notes that their family has a 200-year history in the food industry, with the Curley's bringing their expertise to the local area and providing outstanding hospitality at the Buffet Shop and quality produce at the Deli in the Square; acknowledges their generosity to the local community by holding fundraisers in support of local charitable causes; wishes them well for the future, and hopes that they can now enjoy a well-earned retirement.

***S6M-17202 Alexander Burnett: Banchory Academy Pupils' Double Win at North of Scotland Public Speaking Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates pupils from Banchory Academy on a double win at the North of Scotland Schools Public Speaking Competition; commends pupils Anna Smitton, Grace Littlejohn and Goncalo Gu Pais on winning the Best Team Cup, and Goncalo Gu Pais on winning the Best Speaker Cup; believes that these pupils have done themselves and their school proud, and wishes them all the best for their future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Brian Whittle*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Lumsden*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-17201 Annie Wells: Transformation of Glasgow's Historic Rail Bridges**—That the Parliament congratulates all those involved in the successful £1.5 million refurbishment of the Eglinton Street and Salkeld Street rail bridges in Glasgow, led by Network Rail; acknowledges the extensive work undertaken, including the removal and replacement of deteriorating rivets, essential steelwork repairs, and ballast retention measures, which has transformed these 140-year-old structures from deteriorating to dependable; recognises what it sees as the vital importance of preserving historic infrastructure for its heritage value, environmental benefits and cost-effectiveness compared with new construction; believes that the refurbishment, carried out by Network Rail in partnership with principal contractor Story, has significantly enhanced the appearance of these key rail links, while extending their lifespan by at least 20 years, thereby contributing to the reliability of the West Coast Main Line and other major routes in and out of Glasgow, and understands that this project forms an important part of a broader £2 billion bridge modernisation programme designed to improve the resilience, performance and safety of Scotland's railway network for many years to come.

***S6M-17198 Annie Wells: Love and Solidarity Hub Opens in Castlemilk**—That the Parliament congratulates the founders and volunteers of the Love and Solidarity Hub in Castlemilk on the successful opening of their new community space in the Braes Shopping Centre; recognises the outstanding commitment of Bridget Crossan, Cath, Natali Milligan and Julie Tait in turning a long-held vision into a reality; acknowledges the origins of the hub in the "Souper-heroes" initiative, which supported families through soup packs and community events during the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing cost of living crisis; notes the wide range of inclusive activities on offer at the hub, including free meals, mental health support, skill-sharing workshops and social events designed to bring people together and reduce loneliness; believes that this warm and welcoming space plays a vital role in restoring dignity, confidence and a sense of purpose for many local residents, and recognises what it sees as the extraordinary dedication of all involved in delivering

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Motions Gluasadan				

a model of grassroots solidarity and compassion that strengthens and uplifts the Castlemilk community.

***[S6M-17197](#) Annie Wells: Congratulations to Participants of the Glasgow Easter Egg Run 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates all those taking part in the Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity Easter Egg Run on 20 April 2025; notes that this much-loved event has been a fixture in Glasgow for over four decades and this year will see around 900 motorcyclists and passengers take to the streets in a vibrant mile-long convoy of colour, noise and smiles; recognises that the event supports the work of Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity, with participants raising vital funds to help provide state-of-the-art medical equipment, family support services and innovative play programmes for young patients; welcomes the move to encourage fundraising in place of chocolate donations to accommodate children with special dietary or medical needs, and commends everyone involved, riders, organisers, volunteers and supporters, for their continued generosity, energy and dedication to bringing joy to children and families across the city.

***[S6M-17196](#) Annie Wells: City Building Apprentices Fundraise for Glasgow Women’s Aid**—That the Parliament commends the initiative of a group of first-year electrical apprentices from City Building, including team leaders Lennon and Zachery, who have launched a fundraising campaign in support of Glasgow Women’s Aid; notes that the apprentices will participate in the Tough Mudder challenge on 9 June 2025 as a means of raising funds and awareness for the charity; understands that the apprentices, who joined the organisation in 2024 as part of City Building’s nationally recognised apprenticeship programme, sought to mark the completion of their first year with an effort that not only demonstrated teamwork and resilience, but also contributed to a cause of critical social importance; believes that Glasgow Women’s Aid has been at the forefront of supporting women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse in the city for nearly 50 years, offering vital services such as refuge accommodation, community-based support, advocacy and prevention work in schools and communities; considers that the charity plays an essential role in tackling gender-based violence and in empowering those affected to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity; understands that many of the apprentices involved in the campaign have personal connections to individuals who have benefitted from Glasgow Women’s Aid’s support, and wishes the entire team success in its fundraising efforts and in completing the Tough Mudder challenge.

***[S6M-17193](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating the Save the Tower Campaign Group on its Successful Application to the Scottish Land Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates the Save the Tower campaign on its successful award of £205,900 from the Scottish Land Fund; understands that this application, alongside the group’s other fundraising activities, will allow it to purchase the Tower Digital Arts Centre in Helensburgh, with a plan to open it to the public later in 2025; further understands that, when the owner announced the closure, a community steering group came together to find a sustainable future for the centre; understands that, despite many hurdles along the way, the group was able to register The Venue @ St Columba as a charity and begin fundraising to save the Tower; believes that this award of funding means that the group can now move forward with its plans to make this an inclusive community hub, and congratulates the steering group on its passion and commitment, which, it believes, will enable the Tower to have a bright and successful future.

***[S6M-17192](#) Stephanie Callaghan: North Lanarkshire Midwives Lead Intergenerational Breastfeeding Initiative** —That the Parliament commends North Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care and North Lanarkshire midwives on leading an innovative and intergenerational breastfeeding initiative with Kilsyth Victoria Cottage Hospital and Kilsyth Breastfeeding Support Group; understands that this initiative has made connections and improved support for

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breastfeeding mothers; further understands that the group plans to run on a regular basis, bringing together new mothers and their babies with older residents of Kilsyth Victoria Cottage Hospital, to share their experiences, advice and encouragement of breastfeeding, and appreciates the commitment to continuing what it sees as this pioneering intergenerational work, fostering stronger breastfeeding support networks, improving maternal and infant wellbeing, as well as enhancing the quality of life for Kilsyth Victoria Cottage Hospital residents.

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***S6M-17191 Tess White: Stonehaven Outdoor Pool to Host International Ice Swimming Association GB Championships Winter 2025—**That the Parliament congratulates Stonehaven Outdoor Pool on the announcement that it is to host the International Ice Swimming Association (IISA) GB Championships, which are due to take place in December 2025; understands that Stonehaven Outdoor Pool was recently used by swimmers from the Silver City Blue masters swim club as they trained to compete at the World Ice Swimming Championships in the Italian Alps; notes that the International Ice Swimming Association was formed in 2009 with a vision to make ice swimming, in water with a temperature of 5.0C / 41.0F or lower, a new sport; recognises that IISA now holds ice swims in 46 countries, and has membership in 73 countries around the world; believes that ice swimming is an extreme sport with significant benefits to health and mental wellbeing, and wishes Stonehaven Outdoor Pool well as it not only prepares for its summer season but also looks ahead to the GB Championships in December.

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***S6M-17190 Tess White: Aberdeen International Airport Launches New Krakow Service—**That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new service by the airline Ryanair, which will see regular flights to Krakow take off from Aberdeen International Airport; understands that the service to Poland is Ryanair's fourth destination from Aberdeen International Airport, joining Malaga, Alicante and Faro; notes that Krakow is one of the most highly requested destinations from Aberdeen and has become the airport's second direct connection to Poland, alongside the popular route to Gdansk; recognises that the airline has also increased its Faro, Alicante and Malaga services to three flights per week; believes that this shows its commitment to operations from the city of Aberdeen, and welcomes the news that demand for European destinations continues to rise in the north east.

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***S6M-17189 Clare Adamson: International Workers' Memorial Day 2025—**That the Parliament notes that 28 April 2025 is International Workers' Memorial Day; understands that the day is a time to remember those who have died either because of a workplace accident, ill health or diseases as a result of work; further understands that the theme for 2025 is "Occupational health and safety: A fundamental right at work", highlighting in particular the advantages and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence within the work place; notes that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) annual statistics for the UK show that 138 workers were killed in work-related accidents in 2023-24, and that a further estimated 13,000 deaths occur each year from occupational lung disease and cancer caused by past exposure at work to chemicals, and considers that health and safety representatives play a vital role in keeping workplaces safe and healthy by working with employers and raising members' concerns about working conditions, as well as undertaking inspections of workplaces to check that all steps are being taken to keep workers safe. **R**

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***S6M-17188 Tess White: Northfield Academy in Aberdeen Uses the Power of Rugby to Transform Lives**—That the Parliament congratulates Northfield Academy on the success of its rugby programme through CashBack for Communities; recognises that 296 pupils from areas of multiple deprivation have participated in the rugby programme, with 56% of the participants being female; believes that this highlights the inclusive and growing participation of girls in the sport; understands that the percentage of girls participating at Northfield Academy is 55% female compared with the national average of 39%; further understands that the school has actively competed in local state school competitions, reaching the finals of the Six Series event run by Scottish Rugby in Caledonia North, with 58 boys and girls representing the school; acknowledges that Northfield Academy also took part in the 100-year celebration of Murrayfield on 21 March 2025; understands that this experience was particularly meaningful for many pupils who rarely have the chance to leave their local community, let alone visit the home of Scottish Rugby; notes that the programme has supported many boys from the school in taking the next step in their rugby journey by joining Aberdeenshire RFC, with several of them recently travelling as part of the club's U13/U14 team to Shetland in early February 2025 to play a match on the island, which, it understands, was an unforgettable experience for many who would not otherwise have had such an opportunity; commends the programme for what it sees as its transformative impact, with school staff reporting significant improvements in pupils' confidence, resilience, behaviour, and dedication to their education, and celebrates what it sees as the power of rugby to change lives at Northfield Academy.

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***S6M-17187 Marie McNair: Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels Receives King's Award for Voluntary Service** —That the Parliament congratulates all the volunteers and staff at Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels (OKFP) on receiving the King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024; understands that OKFP is one of only 14 groups in Scotland that have received this award, which is the highest accolade a local voluntary group can receive; notes that, since being founded at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, OKFP has delivered essential food and toiletries to over 37,000 people throughout West Dunbartonshire, and commends everyone at OKFP for their passion and commitment as they continue to strive to make their local community a better place.

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***S6M-17185 Pam Gosal: Congratulating Scottish Asian Counselling Services**—That the Parliament congratulates Scottish Asian Counselling Services (SACS) for the exceptional work it does in providing free and low-cost culturally sensitive counselling and mental health support to South Asian individuals and families across Scotland; understands that SACS was established in September 2023 in response to a growing demand for culturally appropriate mental health services; appreciates that SACS has secured grants from the National Lottery Awards for All, the Glasgow Wellbeing Fund and The Corra Foundation to expand and sustain its work; understands that the organisation has built strong partnerships with local Gurdwaras, Mosques and community

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centres to promote mental health and wellbeing, and wishes the organisation and its trainee therapists, associates, trustees and working group well for the future.

***[S6M-17184](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Increasing Participation in Netball**—That the Parliament notes the reported increase in participation in netball in Scotland in recent years; understands that Netball Scotland has seen an increase in its membership of 15% in this time; understands that netball can be an important tool for ensuring women and girls continue to play sports throughout their lives, with an estimated 65% currently dropping out from sports during puberty; considers that physical activity and team sport can improve mental health and understands that it has been correlated with long-term friendship, reduced levels of both stress and anxiety and improving resilience; notes that netball will be played at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow for the first time, and views this as an opportunity to inspire a new generation of players.

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***[S6M-17183](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Scotland Transplant Active Football Team Competes in European Transplant Football Championship**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scotland Transplant Active Football Team on competing in the first ever European Transplant Football Championship; understands that the team is formed of recipients of life-sustaining solid organs, including stem cell transplants that require or required the use of immunosuppressive drug therapy; acknowledges that the mixed-gender team played in the European Championship in Oxford between 2 and 6 April 2025 against teams from England, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Wales; recognises in particular the participation of Jelina Berlow-Rahman, who was the only female player in the Scottish team during the tournament; notes that the team had to fund its participation through a GoFundMe appeal, receiving donations from the public; recognises that recovery from an organ transplant can be an incredibly challenging time and participation in transplant football can improve mental health and give transplant recipients an opportunity to openly discuss recovery; commends all those who took part in the European Championship, and hopes that the Scottish Transplant Football Team qualifies for the Transplant World Cup in 2026.

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***[S6M-17182](#) Humza Yousaf: Celebrating the Centenary of Drumoyne Bowling Club**—That the Parliament congratulates Drumoyne Bowling Club on reaching its centenary year in 2025; notes that the club became a private members' club in 1925, after two years as a tenants' club; celebrates the club's many achievements over the past 100 years, including numerous Glasgow and Scottish district titles, frequent victories in the Govan League, and representation at both Glasgow County and national levels by many of its members, including four women who played for Scotland; acknowledges the important social role the club continues to play in the community through its sporting and winter leagues in darts, pool and dominoes; applauds the club's ongoing commitment to inclusivity and good governance through its open constitution, and wishes Drumoyne Bowling Club every success as it looks forward to its next 100 years.

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***[S6M-17180](#) Willie Coffey: Ayrshire Acro Gymnastics Perform at British Gymnastic Championships 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates Ayrshire Acro Gymnastics on being selected to perform at the recent British Gymnastic Championships 2025, which took place in Liverpool; recognises that the Ayrshire club, which is based in Kilmarnock, was one of only four clubs from the UK to perform, and the only Scottish one; acknowledges that the team was picked

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to perform as part of the medal ceremony at the national event in front of a 9,000-strong crowd; further acknowledges that Ayrshire Acro Gymnastics team consisted of 19 gymnasts, and that the club coaches 10- to 22-year-olds from all across Ayrshire; congratulates Ayrshire Acro Gymnastics on this fantastic achievement, and wishes it further success in the future.

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***S6M-17179 Ruth Maguire: Irvine Seagate Rotary Club Primary School Quiz**—That the Parliament congratulates Glebe Primary School in Irvine on winning the Seagate Rotary Club Primary School Quiz for the first time in six years; recognises the important role of Fullarton Community Hub in hosting nine schools that competed for the top prize; further recognises the pupils' achievement across 10 rounds of questions covering a broad range of topics; acknowledges that Glebe Primary School will now represent Irvine in the Rotary West of Scotland Area Final, and commends all participating schools and the rotary club for promoting academic engagement and teamwork among young learners.

***S6M-17178 Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Primary School Pupils Sustainability Efforts**—That the Parliament congratulates P6 and P7 pupils at Abbey Primary School in Kilwinning for their creative contributions to local sustainability by designing and painting bird boxes to help encourage wildlife into private gardens; recognises the wider sustainability effort, which included creating bee bricks, bug hotels, and hedgehog highways; acknowledges the support of Taylor Wimpey's local sustainability champion, Joseph Green, who provided an engaging talk on environmental efforts and selected winning bird box designs; welcomes the educational benefits of the initiative, which also included the donation of *Ecotastic Activity* books and a nature pack to the school, and commends the pupils and staff for promoting awareness of biodiversity and local environmental stewardship.

***S6M-17177 Stephanie Callaghan: New Macmillan Cancer Therapy Service Opens with Support from Bellshill's Kirby Group Engineering**—That the Parliament commends Bellshill's Kirby Group Engineering for what it sees as its remarkable generosity in providing the vital funds required to open a new Macmillan Cancer Support service and for the thoughtful provision of care bags for those affected by cancer, alongside a generous £1,000 donation; understands that this new service offers free treatments, including massage, facials, and Reiki, to anyone affected by cancer, including their families and carers, and operates at Coatbridge Library every second Thursday from 10.00 am until noon; notes that this marks Macmillan's third complementary therapy service in Lanarkshire, building upon the valued existing services in Bellshill and East Kilbride libraries; believes that this initiative represents a powerful opportunity to reach and support many more individuals in need, complementing the existing Information and Support Hub, which already provides vital emotional support and guidance; considers this new service to be an invaluable addition to the local community, recognising the profound benefits of therapeutic care in enhancing both physical and emotional wellbeing; expresses its heartfelt thanks to all those involved, particularly Kirby Group Engineering, Macmillan Cancer Support and those running the support services, and wishes this service, and all future endeavours of Macmillan Cancer Support, continued success as it provides compassionate and essential care to people affected by cancer and their families across Lanarkshire and beyond.

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***[S6M-17176](#) Paul O'Kane: Marking the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Mary Barbour**—That the Parliament understands that 2025 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mary Barbour; further understands that Mary Barbour was born in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, on 20 February 1875; considers that Mary Barbour is widely recognised as a great champion of social reform for the part that it understands she personally played in the Glasgow rent strikes of 1915, specifically, organising tenant committees and resistance to evictions, as well becoming one of Glasgow's first woman councillors when she was elected as the Labour candidate for Fairfield ward in Govan in 1920; believes that, during her time as a councillor, Mary Barbour fought for numerous social causes, including the provision of children's playgrounds, free school milk, municipal wash-houses and Glasgow's first family planning clinic; further believes that, from 1924 to 1927, she served as Glasgow Corporation's first woman Baillie; celebrates that Mary Barbour has been commemorated by a statue at Govan Cross in Glasgow and by a cairn on Main Street in her home village of Kilbarchan, and hopes that the legacy of Mary Barbour will always be preserved and that all of her achievements for social reform and social justice will continue to be celebrated and remembered.

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***[S6M-17175](#) Foyso Choudhury: Telugu Association of Scotland Hosts Annual Ugadi Sambaralu**—That the Parliament congratulates the Telugu Association of Scotland on hosting its annual Ugadi Sambaralu event, marking a vibrant celebration of Telugu culture, tradition and togetherness; considers that Ugadi is New Year's Day according to the Hindu calendar and is celebrated by Telugus and Kannadigas in the south east and south of India; understands that this year's celebrations took place at Dalkeith Schools Community Campus and featured over 100 performers who showcased the culture of the Telugu community in Scotland, including solo and group dances, skits and classical pieces; thanks all those who planned and supported the events, including volunteers and performers; believes that events such as Ugadi Sambaralu highlight Edinburgh's diverse communities, and wishes all those who marked Ugadi, and the Telugu community in Scotland, well for the future.

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***[S6M-17174](#) Colin Beattie: Melville Housing Association's 30th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Melville Housing Association on its 30th anniversary; notes that Melville is Midlothian's largest registered social landlord; understands that overall satisfaction with Melville has risen to 90% from 88% in 2021; further understands that the social landlord, which is based in Dalkeith, was formed in 1995, and owns and manages more than 2,100 properties to rent, and thanks all the staff at Melville for their hard work in supporting their tenants.

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***[S6M-17173](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Brick Lane Studios on the Opening of a New Sensory Garden**—That the Parliament congratulates Brick Lane Studios on the opening of its new Sensory Garden; understands the important role that the studio's new sensory garden plays for local people in the community, particularly those who were previously socially isolated; acknowledges what it considers to be the incredible work of Brick Lane Studios, Paisley, and that the studio provides opportunities and support to people of all ages; welcomes the studio's rebrand

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as a community interest company and the fact that the studio has recently been accredited by SQA and can administer qualifications; commends the work of Diane Mitchell and all her staff at the Brick Lane Studios for the work that they do for the local community, and wishes them well for the future.

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***[S6M-17171](#) Kevin Stewart: Apache Corporation and ALC**—That the Parliament commends Apache Corporation's North Sea workforce on donating £20,000 to ALC, which was formerly known as Aberdeen Lads Club; understands that the donation will be used to purchase sports equipment for the games hall, which was recently refurbished, along with the rest of the charity's Tillydrone base, and hopes that the young people will enjoy, and benefit from, the new equipment.

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***[S6M-17170](#) Kevin Stewart: High Grading for Langstane Housing Support Services**—That the Parliament congratulates all at Langstane Housing Support Services on receiving three "very good" and one "good" rating from the Care Inspectorate following its first inspection; recognises that the Inspectorate praised the service for its commitment to improving the lives of tenants through personalised support tailored to their unique needs, and wishes the Langstane Housing team, and their tenants, all the very best for the future.

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***[S6M-17169](#) Kevin Stewart: Apex Tubulars and the Russell Anderson Foundation**—That the Parliament commends Apex Tubulars on donating £10,000 to the Russell Anderson Foundation; understands that the money will be used to support more than 2,500 children, across 12 Aberdeen schools, who will take part in the Foundation's core programme; recognises that this is the second time that Apex Tubulars has donated to the charity, and wishes all of the young people who take part in the Russell Anderson Foundation's activities all the very best.

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***[S6M-17168](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulating Diversity Bridge**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen-based Diversity Bridge on being crowned the Inspirational Charitable Organisation of the Year at the Mental Health and Wellbeing Awards 2025; considers that this is quite an achievement for a charity that only gained official registration in April 2024, and wishes all at Diversity Bridge the very best for a successful future.

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***[S6M-17167](#) Paul Sweeney: Exclusion of Marathon from 2026 Commonwealth Games**—That the Parliament welcomes the fact that Glasgow will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games, albeit with a reduced number of events, but deeply regrets the decision to exclude the marathon from the list of events; considers that the marathon is one of the oldest and most iconic sporting events

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in the world and has been part of every Commonwealth Games until now; further considers that, although there are obvious constraints on public expenditure, many sporting events are self-financing, especially mass participation events; urges, therefore, the organisers of the 2026 Commonwealth Games to consider all options for reinstating the marathon, including the possibility of a mass participation event, whereby the elite athletes, representing their countries, could start before the other participants and the latter could be charged an entry fee to cover the cost; believes that such a mass participation event could appeal to sponsors and more importantly to thousands of runners who would be attracted by the prestige of taking part in a Commonwealth Games event, and further believes that this could bring considerable economic and social benefits to Scotland through international media coverage, showcasing the city of Glasgow to the rest of the world.

***S6M-17166 Michelle Thomson: NHS Forth Valley Leads on Pioneering Clinical Trials—**That the Parliament congratulates NHS Forth Valley's Research and Development Unit on, it believes, being the first in Europe to begin clinical trials focussed on research into advanced and recurrent lung cancer; understands that the trials will be led by Dr Nicola Steele and supported by Dr Ben Fulton, Jennifer Wilson and Professor Euan Cameron, and that recruitment for eligible patients is now open, following the research team having obtained the necessary approvals to proceed; considers the contribution of such vital and innovative studies in putting Scotland at the forefront of medical research and development and in finding solutions that work towards tackling diseases such as lung cancer; thanks the team for their dedicated work, and wishes everyone involved all the best in their future endeavours.

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***S6M-17165 Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Kayla MacDonald on Receiving the Radio Royal Robyn Jenkins Memorial Award 2025—**That the Parliament congratulates Kayla MacDonald, a BA Hons student in Digital Media at Forth Valley College, on being announced as the recipient of the 2025 Radio Royal Robyn Jenkins Memorial Award; understands that this award is given annually to a new member of Radio Royal who has gone above and beyond in their dedication to the station; understands that since Kayla joined Radio Royal she has become a key figure in the provision of the service, which is broadcast across Forth Valley Royal Hospital; considers that Radio Royal functions and thrives with the help of many dedicated volunteers, providing a fantastic service and making a difference to local patients and their families across NHS Forth Valley; congratulates Kayla on her award, and wishes her well with her studies.

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***S6M-17164 Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Coatbridge School Pupil, Lily Ferguson, on Her Professional Theatre Debut—**That the Parliament congratulates 14-year-old Lily Ferguson, a pupil at St Andrew's High School in Coatbridge, on her professional theatre debut as Wynonna in the stage adaptation of *Wild Rose* at Edinburgh's Royal Lyceum Theatre; understands that Lily was selected for the role from hundreds of applicants, following auditions at the National Theatre of Scotland, and has received excellent reviews for her performances; recognises the support that Lily has received from her family, St Andrew's High School, and the Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts in Glasgow, and wishes her every success in the remainder of the production and her future ambitions in the performing arts.

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***[S6M-17163](#) Michelle Thomson: Sarah Mighton Takes on Three Peaks Challenge to Fundraise for Bo'ness Pupils.** —That the Parliament recognises the fundraising efforts of Sarah Mighton, who has taken on the Three Peaks Challenge to raise funds for a sensory space at Bo'ness Public Primary School; understands that Sarah is currently at the school, with her probationary year coming to an end soon; believes that the sensory space will leave a lasting legacy for the pupils and staff in the years ahead; notes that Sarah's challenge, Race for the Sensory Space, has already raised £1,520 and she has furthered her goal to £2,000; notes that the funds raised by Sarah will be used to transform a classroom into a sensory space to benefit all of the pupils, particularly those with additional support needs, by equipping the room with tactile materials, sensory regulation tools, such as weighted blankets, gym balls, sand and water play stations, fidget toys and varied coloured lights; recognises that Sarah's Three Peaks Challenge will take place over 24 hours on 14 April 2025, weather permitting, with the start point at Ben Nevis, then onto Scaffel Pike in the Lake District before finishing in Wales to take on Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon); recognises Sarah's efforts to raise these vital funds, and wishes her the best of luck with the challenge.

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***[S6M-17162](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Sisters Raise Over £20,000 for the Stroke Association** —That the Parliament commends sisters, Kirsty and Shirley Macgowan from Stirling, on raising over £20,000 for the Stroke Association in memory of their late mum, Molly, who sadly passed away from a stroke in 2008 at the age of 62; recognises that the sisters have been committed to fundraising for over 15 years through a variety of sporting challenges, social events and community gatherings, including triathlons, ceilidhs and discos; notes that their most recent fundraising event, a "Cabaroke" night, took place at Stirling Indoor Bowling Club on 15 March 2025; acknowledges the personal dedication of the sisters and the involvement of Shirley's daughter, Eilidh, in continuing their family's support for stroke awareness; understands that stroke is the fourth biggest killer in Scotland and the leading cause of adult disability, and that nearly 600 people in the NHS Forth Valley area were affected in 2023 alone; commends the sisters' efforts not only in raising vital funds but also in raising awareness of stroke prevention, treatment and recovery, and applauds their contribution to supporting stroke survivors and their families across Scotland.

***[S6M-17161](#) Evelyn Tweed: East Plean Primary School recognised by Eco-Schools Programme**—That the Parliament congratulates East Plean Primary School on receiving a commendation for what it sees as its outstanding community work as part of the international Eco-Schools programme, which is delivered in Scotland by the environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful; believes that this accolade reflects the school's exceptional commitment to sustainability and environmental education, having gone above and beyond in meeting the programme's rigorous criteria across all required topic areas; understands that Eco-Schools, now celebrating its 30th anniversary, is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world; notes that it is operated globally by the Foundation for Environmental Education and encourages young people to take positive environmental action in their schools and communities; commends the staff, pupils and wider East Plean Primary School community for their dedication, enthusiasm and leadership

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in promoting environmental stewardship, and wishes them continued success in their efforts to inspire a greener, more sustainable, future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-17160](#) Annie Wells: McTaggart Construction Transforms Hampden Primary School—** That the Parliament congratulates McTaggart Construction on its voluntary work to refurbish Hampden Primary School in Glasgow, which supports children with severe disabilities; commends the team of decorators and joiners from the company who gave up a week of their own time to repair walls and floors, remove partitions, paint classrooms and create a bright, safe and welcoming environment for pupils and staff; recognises the exceptional gratitude expressed by the headteacher, Virginia Smith, who praised the transformation of the space and the positive impact that it has had on pupils; acknowledges McTaggart Construction's wider commitment to community enrichment and support for marginalised groups; understands that it is the first homebuilder in Scotland to sign the Buy Social Pledge and notes its role in this capacity, and believes that the company has demonstrated how the construction industry can make a meaningful difference in education and community wellbeing.

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***[S6M-17158](#) Stephen Kerr: Violence Against Teachers and the Need for Urgent Action in Scotland's Schools—** That the Parliament notes with deep concern the findings of the recent NASUWT survey, which suggests that nearly half of all female teachers in Scotland have experienced physical violence or abuse at work in the last year; acknowledges that 27% reported being hit or punched, and many more report being subject to regular verbal, physical and sexist abuse from pupils; understands that these alarming findings come at a time when official pupil suspension rates are falling, raising serious questions about the effectiveness of current school behaviour policies; understands that there are growing concerns from teachers and parents that the presumption of mainstreaming, while well intentioned, might, in some cases, be contributing to a decline in classroom safety when not supported by adequate resources and specialist provision; considers that teachers have a right to work in a safe and respectful environment, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop urgently a national action plan to address violence and misogyny in schools, review the impact of mainstreaming on classroom safety and work with teaching unions, local authorities and parents to restore discipline, uphold professional authority and ensure that schools are safe for all staff and pupils.

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***[S6M-17157](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Must Be Crackers —** That the Parliament congratulates the Dunfermline-based, Must Be Crackers, on its recent achievements at the Farm Shop and Deli Retailers Awards 2025; understands that it was awarded the Best Retailer: Other Specialist Retailer - Cheesemonger title and was highly commended in the Newcomer of the Year category; commends the hard work of all the team, and wishes them continued success for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

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***[S6M-17138](#) Bill Kidd: Congratulating Dr Brian Patrick Murphy on MBE** —That the Parliament congratulates Dr Brian Patrick Murphy on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to heart failure therapies and to people with motor neuron disease (MND); notes that his distinguished medical career began at the University of Glasgow in 1990, where he achieved an intercalated BSc with first class honours and an MBChB with commendation; acknowledges his service as a consultant cardiologist across several hospitals in the west of Scotland from 2009 until his ill health retirement in 2019; understands that this included bringing advanced heart failure therapies to communities that were previously underserved; recognises his contribution to medical education through his roles at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow between 2012 and 2019; commends his dedicated campaigning work for motor neuron disease, including fundraising for MND Scotland, and wishes him continued success in his future endeavours.

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***[S6M-17070](#) Tess White: UK Champion Black Pudding Winner, Steven Bennett from Arbroath**—That the Parliament congratulates Steven Bennett from Arbroath on winning the UK's first ever Black Pudding Champion of Champions competition; understands that the competition was held in London and organised by Scottish Craft Butchers, National Craft Butchers and the Q Guild of Butchers; notes that Steven Bennett owns DH Robertson family butcher shop in Arbroath, which had already earned the title of East of Scotland and reserve national Scottish champion before taking on the best black pudding makers from across the country to win the title of UK Champion of Champions; recognises that the award-winning black pudding recipe is a closely guarded, secret, pre-Second World War recipe, and has had only a few refinements over the years, and wishes Steven Bennett many more years of success.

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***[S6M-17068](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetlander Connor Leslie Wins Shetland's First National Boccia Medal**—That the Parliament congratulates Shetlander Connor Leslie on winning bronze at the Scottish Disability Sport National Schools' Boccia Championships 2025, and becoming the first boccia player from Shetland to gain a medal at any national championship; notes that boccia is an inclusive sport for all abilities in which players compete by throwing or releasing balls towards a designated target ball, which is called a jack; understands that the National Schools Boccia Championship, hosted by Scottish Disability Sport, took place in Glasgow on 27 March 2025, and featured categories for athletes with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and those using an assist device; further understands that three athletes from Shetland competed in the Championships and commends all three on their participation; notes that boccia is one of the five sports that the Shetland team will be competing in at the Scottish Learning Disability Sport National Games to be held in Stirling in July 2025; applauds Connor for his bronze medal achievement, and wishes him and his teammates well in their future sporting endeavours.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Ariane Burgess*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-17199](#) Annie Wells: Princess Royal Opens BAE Shipbuilding Academy in Glasgow (lodged on 14 April 2025)

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New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Craig Hoy*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Douglas Lumsden*, Liam Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Paul Sweeney* R, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-17159](#) Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh Project Linus (lodged on 14 April 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Fulton MacGregor*, Kenneth Gibson*, Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bob Doris*

[S6M-17156](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Student Named Runner-up at Scottish Student Chef of the Year 2025 (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-17155](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's Henry Healy's Café Wins Best Café Award (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-17154](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow College Signs Partnership with Leading USA School (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-17153](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Student Design's Commemorate Tartan (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17152](#) Annie Wells: Recognition of Community Action to Address Gambling Harms in Govanhill and Shettleston (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17151](#) Annie Wells: Glaswegian Raises Over £50,000 for Myanmar Earthquake Relief (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17150](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Businessmen Raise Over £9,800 for SBH Scotland through Jail or Bail Event (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17149](#) Annie Wells: Lindsays Raises Over £11,000 for SAMH through Make a Will Month (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17148](#) Annie Wells: Celebrating World Autism Acceptance Month in Glasgow (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Karen Adam*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17147](#) Sarah Boyack: Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport (lodged on 11 April 2025)

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New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-17146](#) Annie Wells: Recognition of Glasgow Schools for Emotional Wellbeing Initiatives (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17145](#) Christine Grahame: 30th Anniversary of Eco-Schools and Success for St Andrew's RC Primary School in Gorebridge (lodged on 11 April 2025)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-17144](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Holy Cross High School Raises Funds for SCIAF Wee Box Appeal (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17143](#) Douglas Ross: Mosset Tavern Named Best Restaurant at Scottish Business Awards (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17142](#) Clare Adamson: St Bernadette's Motherwell Supports SCIAF (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17141](#) Clare Adamson: Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Berryhill Primary School, Craigneuk (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17140](#) Clare Adamson: Dalziel High School Concert Band's Achievement at the Scottish Concert Band Festival (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17137](#) Evelyn Tweed: East Plean Primary School Recognised by Eco-Schools Programme (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17136](#) Clare Adamson: Welcoming the Opening of the Barista Bar at Bothwellpark High School (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17135](#) Annie Wells: Celebrating 10 Years of the Access Film Club at Glasgow Film Theatre (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17134](#) Annie Wells: Celebrating Glasgow's 850th Anniversary with a Commemorative Plate (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

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[S6M-17132](#) Annie Wells: Congratulations on the Refurbishment of Bereavement Comfort Room at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17131](#) Annie Wells: Celebration of New Community-led Murals in Glasgow's Govan Area (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17129](#) Bob Doris: Celebrating the Retirement of Julie McMillan and her Contributions to Glasgow's Youth (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Emma Harper*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17128](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Commending Bothwell Futures and Developing the Young Workforce's Employability Programme (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17127](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Firefighters Raise over £1,300 for Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17126](#) Willie Coffey: Sir Alexander Fleming - Almost 100 Years Since the Discovery of Penicillin (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17125](#) Tess White: Aleisha Begg, Mackie Academy Pupil Secures a Place in the Springboard FutureChef National UK Final (lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Brian Whittle*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17124](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Scottish Youth Parliament Manifesto - Your Future, Your Voice (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Martin Whitfield*, Ben Macpherson*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17123](#) Clare Haughey: St Columbkille's Parishioners Awarded Benemerenti Medals (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17122](#) Alexander Burnett: National Ice Cream Awards Win for Rizza's of Huntly (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17121](#) Alexander Burnett: Friends of Jubilee Hospital, in Huntly, Cuddle Bed (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17120](#) Annie Wells: Celebrating Harriet McKenzie's 100th Birthday at Glasgow Royal Infirmary (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

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[S6M-17119](#) Finlay Carson: Scotland Men's Curlers Triumph Again at World Championships
(lodged on 10 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liz Smith*, Paul O'Kane*, Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Lumsden*, Liam Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Brian Whittle*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-17117](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Football Club – West of Scotland Premier Division Champions
(lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17114](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Parkinson's Service Gets Royal Seal of Approval
(lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17111](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Celebrating 10 Years of Anti-sectarian Campaign, Pitch Perfect
(lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-17109](#) Michelle Thomson: Scotland's School Pipe Bands Lead Tartan Week Celebrations
(lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17107](#) Jackie Baillie: Celebrating Scotland's First Aid Heroes at the 2025 Scottish First Aid Awards
(lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-17106](#) Clare Haughey: Blantyre Soccer Academy Goes from Strength to Strength
(lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17105](#) Clare Haughey: R Wilson & Son Decorators Wins National Award
(lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17103](#) Katy Clark: Recognition of the State of Palestine
(lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Clare Haughey*

[S6M-17097](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie's Archie McGhee Named as the First Youth Lead for the Great Western District
(lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17096](#) Pam Gosal: Bearsden Fitness Teacher Raises £24,000 for Cancer Charity
(lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-17095](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Marianne Ridland on Winning the Regional Final of the Independent Schools Scottish Young Musician of the Year Competition
(lodged on 08 April 2025)

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New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-17092](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Secret Smile Aesthetics Celebrates its 10th Anniversary (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-17091](#) Rhoda Grant: Congratulating Inverness Lions Basketball Club (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Paul O'Kane*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-17090](#) Maggie Chapman: Robert Gordon University Industrial Action (lodged on 09 April 2025)

New Support: Richard Leonard*, Mark Ruskell*, Alex Rowley*, Ross Greer*, Bill Kidd*, Mercedes Villalba*, Rhoda Grant*, Gillian Mackay*, Patrick Harvie*

[S6M-17080](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Sportscotland Funding for New Multi-use Courts in Victoria Park, Glasgow (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Lumsden*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17079](#) Audrey Nicoll: Robert Gordon University's Research into Faster Endometriosis Diagnosis (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17078](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Shettleston Boxing Club Awarded Sportscotland Sport Facilities Funding (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Lumsden*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17073](#) Emma Harper: World Asthma Day 2025 (lodged on 08 April 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-17072](#) Tess White: Ben Malcolm, Mackie Academy Pupil Wins Regional Final of the Rotary Young Chef Competition (lodged on 07 April 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17067](#) Stephen Kerr: Protecting Scottish Trade from US Tariff Threats (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17063](#) Rachael Hamilton: Free Tree Packs for Schools and Communities (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17054](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Held In Our Hearts Awarded Funding from National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

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[S6M-17053](#) Katy Clark: Legislative Framework on Restraint and Seclusion. (lodged on 04 April 2025)

New Support: Carol Mochan*

[S6M-17047](#) Pam Gosal: Wishing a Happy Vaisakhi 2025 to all Sikhs in Scotland, the UK and Around the World (lodged on 03 April 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-17018](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk Groups Secure Funding via Falkirk Council's Community Choices Fund 2025-26 (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-16996](#) Sarah Boyack: 30 Years of Edinburgh's World Heritage Status (lodged on 01 April 2025)

New Support: Rhoda Grant*

[S6M-16994](#) Jackie Dunbar: Month of the Military Child (lodged on 02 April 2025)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S6M-16978](#) Neil Bibby: BBC Scotland's Decision to End River City and Close its Dumbarton Studios (lodged on 27 March 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Colin Smyth*

[S6M-16948](#) Alex Rowley: Children in Palestine Deserve the Chance to Live (lodged on 28 March 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-16893](#) Richard Leonard: Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange Scotland (lodged on 21 March 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-16870](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Ramblers Scotland 60th Anniversary (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16869](#) Jackie Dunbar: Global Intergenerational Week 2025 (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16868](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Wildfire Awareness (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16864](#) Willie Rennie: Fife's Sight Loss Charity Seescape Celebrates its 160th Anniversary (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16863](#) Liam Kerr: Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust Celebrates 175th Anniversary of the First Railway Reaching Aberdeen (lodged on 20 March 2025)

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New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16853](#) Alexander Burnett: A Bear Named Buttony Celebrates 10th Anniversary in May 2025 (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16834](#) John Mason: Expressing Solidarity with Canada and Condemning US Trade Measures (lodged on 31 March 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

***[S6M-16799](#) Joe FitzPatrick: Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament in the House of Commons** (lodged on 15 April 2025)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Karen Adam*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Clare Haughey*, Bob Doris*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-16407](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating Commonwealth Day 2025 (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16393](#) Claire Baker: Levenmouth Cluster Schools are First in Fife and Second in Scotland to Achieve SportScotland School Sport Gold Award. (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16392](#) Tess White: Mearns and Coastal Health Living Network's Future Secured with Three-year Funding Grant (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16390](#) Marie McNair: Nicky Little Becomes Clydebank Football Club's All-time Record Goalscorer (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16387](#) Christine Grahame: Farewell to Scottish SPCA CEO Kirsteen Campbell (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16385](#) Edward Mountain: Recognising Helen Leigh's Achievements in North Cross Country League and National Masters Cross Country Championship (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16384](#) Sandesh Gulhane: First Surgery in UK and Ireland Conducted at Glasgow Royal Infirmary (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16383](#) Edward Mountain: Congratulations to Luke Stoltman on Being Crowned Britain's Strongest Man (lodged on 10 February 2025)

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New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16382](#) Edward Mountain: Celebrating the Reopening of Strathconon Primary School and its Role in the Community (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16381](#) Edward Mountain: Recognition of James Dunbar as a Big Issue Changemaker for Housing and Homelessness (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16377](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall Resident Stuart Linklater Celebrated as Longest-serving Loganair Employee (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16376](#) Clare Haughey: Celebrating Chloe Fullerton's Historic Scouting Achievements (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16374](#) Paul O'Kane: Barrie McCutcheon and Daughter, Isla, to Take Part in 700-mile Cycle for Doddie Aid Challenge (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16372](#) Evelyn Tweed: Safer Internet Day 2025 (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16369](#) Sharon Dowey: Prestwick Ice Skater Wins Bronze Medal at European Figure Skating Championships (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16368](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr United Football Academy Launches Dementia-friendly Walking Football Sessions (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16367](#) Alexander Stewart: Stirling School of English Awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16366](#) Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley College's Medical Skills Simulation Suite (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16365](#) Alexander Stewart: Coalsnaughton Early Learning Centre (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16363](#) Alexander Stewart: Macrobert Arts Centre Funding Award from Creative Scotland (lodged on 05 February 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16361](#) Ben Macpherson: Leith Theatre's Future Secured, Beginning an Exciting New Chapter (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16359](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Sports Awards 2024 (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16355](#) James Dornan: 10 Years of Soup's On and the Cake Lady (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16354](#) Stephen Kerr: Blackness Primary School Faces Closure (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16352](#) Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire Scottish Regional Heat of the Association of Hairdressing and Therapists (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16350](#) Tim Eagle: Atlantic Islands Centre Celebrates 10-year Anniversary (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16348](#) Christine Grahame: Ross McGinn Named Tweeddale Citizen of the Year 2024 (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16343](#) Douglas Ross: Audrey Pirie Named JudoScotland Referee/Official of the Year (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16339](#) Annie Wells: Friends of Linn Park, Glasgow, Receives Funding to Plant More Trees (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16332](#) Annie Wells: Congratulates Hillwood Community Sports Hub on its Collaboration with Horticulture and Floristry Students (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16328](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Applauding Renaissance Care's Get Fit and Have Fun Campaign 2025 (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16294](#) Willie Rennie: Future Workforce and Educational Pathways Report by the Royal Society of Chemistry (lodged on 03 February 2025)

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New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16285](#) Pam Gosal: Supporting Clydebank Woman's Charity Fundraiser (lodged on 06 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16283](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Clydebank's Mark Steven on Being Elected President of ACTACC (lodged on 06 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16255](#) Paul O'Kane: Bishopton Primary School Recognised for Achievements in International Eco-Schools Programme (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16254](#) Paul O'Kane: Johnstone Dance School Pupil Ava Morrison Achieves Starring Role in The Nutcracker (lodged on 03 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16236](#) Jackie Baillie: Raising Awareness of How Vital Kidneys Are and the Need for Early Identification of Chronic Kidney Disease (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16218](#) Douglas Lumsden: Support in Scotland for Domestic Oil and Gas Production (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

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Oral Questions

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 30 April 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 24 April 2025.

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

1. Bill Kidd
2. Marie McNair
3. Michelle Thomson
4. Brian Whittle
5. Finlay Carson
6. Roz McCall
7. Craig Hoy
8. Audrey Nicoll

Finance and Local Government

1. Rona Mackay
2. Maggie Chapman
3. Jamie Halcro Johnston
4. Foyso Choudhury
5. Gordon MacDonald
6. Jackie Baillie
7. Sue Webber
8. Bob Doris

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 01 May 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 24 April 2025.

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

1. James Dornan
2. Sharon Dowey
3. Elena Whitham
4. Pam Gosal
5. Fergus Ewing
6. Neil Bibby
7. Collette Stevenson
8. Humza Yousaf

Members selected for General Questions on 01 May 2025

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The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 24 April 2025.

1. Paul Sweeney
2. Christine Grahame
3. Alex Rowley
4. Stephanie Callaghan
5. Clare Adamson
6. Richard Leonard
7. Emma Roddick
8. Colin Smyth

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 23 April 2025

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to protect the ongoing viability of local and regional museums and galleries. ([S6O-04544](#))
- 2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on plans to increase funding for local museums and heritage centres, including the Summerlee Museum of Scottish Industrial Life in Coatbridge. ([S6O-04545](#))
- 3. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support young people to access the creative industries. ([S6O-04546](#))
- 4. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its international development work is supporting the humanitarian response in Palestine. ([S6O-04547](#))
- 5. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that its work to support and promote Scotland's arts and culture is geographically spread and representative. ([S6O-04548](#))
- 6. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with EU member states regarding Scotland's alignment with EU policies, in light of the election of President Trump. ([S6O-04549](#))
- 7. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its strategy to further the case for Scottish independence, in light of recent reported polling indicating a majority in support. ([S6O-04550](#))
- 8. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will change its policy position in relation to an independent Scotland seeking to rejoin the EU, in light of the potential impact of US tariffs on the UK and the EU. ([S6O-04551](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any implications for its work on tackling rural crime and preventing the theft and resale of machinery in Scotland, when it was first made aware of the proposals for the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023, which applies to England and Wales. ([S6O-04552](#))
- 2. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the prisoners released under the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 included some who had broken prison rules. ([S6O-04553](#))
- 3. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking, including through work involving Police Scotland and local authorities, to address antisocial behaviour in Mid Scotland and Fife. ([S6O-04554](#))
- 4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps the justice secretary is taking to prevent young people from becoming involved in gang-related activity. ([S6O-04555](#))
- 5. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what the timescale is to adapt the HMP Stirling estate to address the ongoing noise complaints, in light of reports from residents that the noise disturbance is getting worse. ([S6O-04556](#))

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6. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its work on antisocial behaviour, what discussions it has had with the UK Government about tackling the misuse of e-bikes. ([S6O-04557](#))

7. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reports of criminals using drones to infiltrate prisons. ([S6O-04558](#))

8. Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with partners to tackle gang-related crime. ([S6O-04559](#))

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Education and Skills

1. Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what support is available to teachers who experience physical violence or verbal abuse in schools. ([S6O-04568](#))

2. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring access to early learning and childcare for families in rural areas, in light of reports of recent nursery closures. ([S6O-04569](#))

3. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the education secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding what action is being taken to reduce vaping in schools. ([S6O-04570](#))

4. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of three-year-old children receive free early learning and childcare in the week after their third birthday. ([S6O-04571](#))

5. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the cessation of the inclusion of family members on UK student visas has had on university admission numbers in Scotland. ([S6O-04572](#))

6. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to protect Edinburgh's higher education sector, in light of reports of potential job losses. ([S6O-04573](#))

7. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what eligibility criteria and implementation guidance it has issued to local authorities regarding the use of the Care Experienced Children and Young People Fund in education settings. ([S6O-04574](#))

8. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it can take to reduce the number of teachers on temporary contracts. ([S6O-04575](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 24 April 2025

1. Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that gulls can cause serious human injury, whether it will direct NatureScot to issue licences to control the birds and help prevent such injuries. ([S6O-04560](#))

2. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what dialogue it has had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding shared care agreements for adults with private ADHD and autism diagnoses. ([S6O-04561](#))

3. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been done of any impact on CAMHS waiting times targets, in light of reports of autism assessment services being cancelled

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leaving more children in distress and unable to access support that requires a diagnosis. ([S6O-04562](#))

4. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the uptake of childhood immunisations in NHS Lanarkshire. ([S6O-04563](#)) **R**

5. Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns regarding the decision to end the freeze on the MSP component of Scottish Ministers' salaries and the potential impact on the Scottish Government's budget, during a period of serious public sector budget pressures. ([S6O-04564](#))

6. Foysoyl Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government how it is encouraging the growth of community energy projects. ([S6O-04565](#))

7. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it will publish the outcome of the latest A96 corridor review. ([S6O-04566](#))

8. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any progress on the funding model for the Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme in its current iteration, following its decision not to "call in" the scheme for ministerial inquiry. ([S6O-04567](#))

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Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Written questions lodged from 14 April 2025 to 17 April 2025

[S6W-36303 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it appears to have dropped commitments from its Future Fisheries Management strategy 12-point action plan to (a) apply a cap on fishing activity in inshore waters (up to three nautical miles) and (b) review and revise the management of unused "latent" scallop fishing entitlements, in light of these actions not being included in the recent delivery plan update, which was published on 20 March 2025.

[S6W-36308 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reportedly decided to protect Priority Marine Features through the use of Marine Conservation Orders, as opposed to including such conditions within fishing licences.

[S6W-36467 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many formal complaints it has received in each of the last five years relating to concerns regarding freedom of speech on university campuses.

[S6W-36468 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had discussions with (a) the Scottish Funding Council and (b) individual universities regarding any implications of the recent Office for Students' ruling concerning the University of Sussex.

[S6W-36469 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider introducing a statutory duty on universities to uphold freedom of speech, similar to that set out by the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 in England.

[S6W-36481 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will issue guidance to higher education institutions regarding the right to freedom of expression and concerns regarding reported censorship by protest or disruption.

[S6W-36482 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the right of academics and students to express gender-critical views without facing discrimination or censure.

[S6W-36551 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the requirements expected of local authorities are in return for the additional funds that they will receive under the extended producer responsibility scheme.

[S6W-36552 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government how the funding received by local authorities under the extended producer responsibility scheme will be managed, and whether there are plans to pass on these funds to residents through reduced council tax bills and, if so, how this will be implemented.

[S6W-36553 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether any funds received by local authorities from the extended producer responsibility scheme will be used to reduce council tax bills and, if so, how this will be implemented.

[S6W-36811 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of a recent UK-wide survey suggesting that 17% of NHS staff did not consider their building to be safe, whether it will commission a similar survey of NHS Scotland staff.

[S6W-36812 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many of its civil servants earning above £50,000 are registered as taxpayers elsewhere in the UK.

[S6W-36813 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reports that a number of its senior civil servants pay income tax rates applicable to the rest of the UK rather than Scotland.

[S6W-36860 Gillian Mackay](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to deliver a pilot of the minimum income guarantee for unpaid carers, as set out in the recent proposal by Carers Scotland and IPPR Scotland.

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[S6W-36861](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what contingency measures are in place in the event that a large number of care homes close in the next six to 12 months, in light of reported concerns from the sector regarding potential closures.

[S6W-36862](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what contingency planning it has undertaken to mitigate the impact of any reduced international student recruitment on university finances.

[S6W-36863](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce the reported overreliance of universities on international student markets for financial stability.

[S6W-36864](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ask the Scottish Funding Council to revise its teaching grant methodology, in light of reports that the current methodology does not adequately reflect institutional financial needs.

[S6W-36872](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the reported warning from Scottish Care that half of all residential and nursing care homes could close within a year, and what urgent action it is taking in response.

[S6W-36873](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of what the potential economic impact on families and communities would be if up to half of all care homes were to close.

[S6W-36874](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish Care and other sector representatives regarding how to prevent a “collapse” in care home provision.

[S6W-36875](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to reduce any delays in care package approvals, in light of reported warnings that 90% of care homes have seen reductions in local authority-funded packages.

[S6W-36876](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many care homes (a) have closed in the last 12 months, and (b) are considered to be at risk of closure.

[S6W-36878](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the findings and recommendations of the Sustrans report, *Children’s Walking and Cycling Index Scotland*, what measures it has implemented in relation to planning transport to meet the needs of children and young people, and what plans it has to further develop guidance to ensure that the voices of young people are considered in transport decision making.

[S6W-36879](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the number of children and young people who walk, wheel or cycle to school.

[S6W-36880](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how many children and young people it anticipates will receive support from its investment in active travel.

[S6W-36881](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how many school (a) streets and (b) safety zones there are, and what plans it has to increase these.

[S6W-36882](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with universities regarding the enforcement of academic integrity policies, in light of the increased use of generative AI tools.

[S6W-36883](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has issued any guidance or support to higher education institutions on maintaining academic standards, in light of the increasing use of AI.

[S6W-36884](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting universities in accessing and deploying technology capable of detecting AI-assisted plagiarism and misconduct.

[S6W-36885](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has conducted regarding any attainment benefits of external tutoring programmes, such as the STEM SMART initiative, for state school pupils in Scotland.

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[S6W-36886](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider a pilot programme offering subject specialist tutoring in STEM subjects to pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds.

[S6W-36887](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what economic modelling was undertaken before it decided to promote a four-day working week pilot, as outlined in its Programme for Government.

[S6W-36888](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a full cost-benefit analysis of the four-day working week pilot carried out at (a) the South of Scotland Enterprise and (b) NHS Scotland through its Agenda for Change initiative.

[S6W-36889](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason inmates who reportedly breached prison rules were included in the early release scheme to alleviate overcrowding.

[S6W-36890](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment was made of any potential risk to public safety from the early release of any inmates who had breached prison rules.

[S6W-36892](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what fiscal, economic or industrial measures it is currently undertaking to support Scottish industry, beyond any calls it may have made for the UK Government to take action.

[S6W-36893](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to fund the £191 million cost of the proposed NHS pay offer without diverting resources from frontline services or other key health priorities.

[S6W-36894](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken any analysis, or cost-benefit study, into the viability of taking Grangemouth refinery into public ownership.

[S6W-36895](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential risk to taxpayers from any future liability that could arise from owning or operating the Grangemouth refinery.

[S6W-36896](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has held any discussions with Petroineos regarding public ownership of Grangemouth refinery, and if so, whether it will publish the minutes of those discussions.

[S6W-36897](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has engaged with the UK Government to explore joint ownership of Grangemouth refinery, and whether it has received any indication of support for such a proposal.

[S6W-36898](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) the UK Government and (b) other partners to secure additional investment in the Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme.

[S6W-36899](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any link between its policy of mainstreaming pupils with additional support needs and the reported 580% increase in mental health problems among school pupils.

[S6W-36900](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the additional £29 million announced for additional support needs provision will go towards hiring new specialist teachers and classroom assistants.

[S6W-36901](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken any evaluation of the effectiveness of its current £16 million school counselling programme in reducing mental health-related absences and referrals.

[S6W-36913](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many additional school places local authorities may need to provide as a result of pupils transferring from the independent to the state sector, and what the cost will be.

[S6W-36920](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will work with Ineos to review the decision to close the Finnart Oil Terminal on the Firth of Clyde, including whether it will

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commission a feasibility study on the terminal on its potential to function (a) as a fuel import terminal and (b) with other potential industrial functions.

[S6W-36921 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether Project Willow has examined the Aker Solutions study for the proposed transformation of Equinor Refining's 226,000-b/d refinery at Mongstad in Norway into a low-carbon industrial cluster equipped for production of blue hydrogen and sustainable aviation fuel.

[S6W-36922 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a breakdown of the £785 million committed to investment by the Scottish National Investment Bank, including the nature and scale of the returns delivered so far.

[S6W-36923 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers the structure of the Scottish National Investment Bank, in which it is wholly owned by ministers but operating independently, to be optimal for transparency and accountability.

[S6W-36924 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to secure the long-term future of Glasgow International Airport as a critical part of the (a) national and (b) regional transport infrastructure.

[S6W-36925 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with (a) airlines and (b) industry stakeholders about retaining routes at Glasgow International Airport after the expansion of high-speed rail services.

[S6W-36926 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will rule out any strategy that leads to the downgrading or closure of Glasgow International Airport as part of its future transport planning.

[S6W-36927 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is on ensuring parity of strategic support for Edinburgh and Glasgow International airports, in the context of international connectivity and aviation resilience.

[S6W-36941 Mark Ruskell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support households in rural areas with energy costs, in light of the 6.4% increase to the Ofgem price cap.

[S6W-36942 Paul O'Kane](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the timescale is for eligible NHS patients to receive the shingles vaccine.

[S6W-36943 Paul O'Kane](#): To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards operate their own shingles vaccination programme, and how it is ensuring equitable access to the vaccine across all NHS boards.

[S6W-36944 Paul O'Kane](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent research suggesting that the shingles vaccine might reduce the risk of dementia by up to 20%, whether it plans to (a) expand or (b) accelerate the rollout of the vaccine.

[S6W-36945 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government what reasons have been given for the need to kill mountain hares in licence applications since 2012, and how many of these licensed activities took place on (a) public and (b) private land in each year.

[S6W-36946 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the (a) funding, (b) personnel and (c) equipment available to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is adequate to deal with wildfires.

[S6W-36947 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government what additional funding it has allocated to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Highlands and Islands to enhance its capacity to respond to wildfires.

[S6W-36948 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has carried out with local authorities in the Highlands and Islands in the last year regarding wildfire preparedness.

[S6W-36949 Jamie Halcro Johnston](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on public safety awareness campaigns on preventing wildfires in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-36950](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has undertaken, or is carrying out, on the current recruitment and retention levels of retained firefighters in the Highlands and Islands.

[S6W-36951](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported challenges in the recruitment of retained firefighters in rural and island communities.

[S6W-36952](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to employers in the Highlands and Islands to enable staff to carry out retained firefighter duties during working hours.

[S6W-36953](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has held with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding additional incentives to support retained firefighter recruitment and retention in the Highlands and Islands.

[S6W-36954](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing a specific retention package for retained firefighters in remote and island areas.

[S6W-36955](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of the sustainability of the retained duty model for fire cover in remote parts of the Highlands and Islands.

[S6W-36956](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of the suitability and availability of aircraft and helicopter support for wildfire incidents in the Highlands and Islands, in light of the reported frequency and scale of such events.

[S6W-36957](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) vacancies and (b) understaffed hours were reported by each fire station in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-36958](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the average response time was to wildfire incidents by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-36959](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time spent by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service crew was on dealing with wildfire incidents in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-36960](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the average cost to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was of dealing with each wildfire incident in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-36961](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time spent by each fire station was in each of the last 10 years in engaging with stakeholders on reducing the risk of wildfires.

[S6W-36962](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what requests it has had from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for new, more modern, equipment to deal with wildfires.

[S6W-36963](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any unintended consequence of the public procurement process that may have resulted in small businesses being disadvantaged, including losing out on freelance contracts to large internationally owned firms.

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 15 April 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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Maggie Chapman

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SPECIAL RENT CONTROL AREAS

Assessment of need for a special rent control area

- (1) If, in carrying out an assessment under section 1, a local authority determines that the application of a rent control area with the permitted rate, as determined by section 43CA of the 2016 Act, would result in substantial harm to—
 - (a) tenants or prospective tenants in the area of the local authority, or
 - (b) the social or economic conditions of the area of the local authority,the local authority may recommend in its report under section 2 that the Scottish Ministers designate all or any part of the area of the local authority as a special rent control area and a recommended permitted rate under section (*Power to designate special rent control area*).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, provide for—
 - (a) the form in which a recommendation must be made,
 - (b) information that must be included by a local authority as part of a recommendation that a special rent control area be designated,
 - (c) anonymisation of—
 - (i) information included with the report,
 - (ii) documents to be submitted with the report,
 - (d) matters to be considered by local authorities in deciding whether to recommend the designation of an area as a special rent control area,
 - (e) the identification of an area to which a recommendation applies, with reference to a plan,
 - (f) criteria that must be met for a special rent control area to be designated.>

Maggie Chapman

425 After section 18, insert—

<Power to designate special rent control area

- (1) Having considered a valid report from a local authority recommending the designation of a special rent control area, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) lay a statement before the Scottish Parliament with the local authority's recommendation,

- (b) subject to subsection (2), by regulations designate the recommended area as a special rent control area.
- (2) The Scottish Parliament may, within two weeks of a statement being laid under subsection (1)(a), by resolution agree that, notwithstanding the recommendation of the local authority, no regulations should be made under subsection (1)(b).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) designating an area as a special rent control area must specify the permitted rate for the special rent control area.
- (4) The specified permitted rate in a special rent control area—
- must be lower than the default permitted rate for a rent control area designated by regulations under section 9(1),
 - may be 0% (in which case rents may not be increased),
 - may be a negative percentage (in which case rents must be decreased).
- (5) Any regulations under subsection (1) cease to have effect on the expiry of a period of 1 year from the day on which the regulations come into force (unless they are revoked before the expiry of that period).
- (6) With the exception of sections 43CA and 43CB, Part 4A of the 2016 Act (inserted by section 19) applies to special rent control areas as it does to rent control areas.
- (7) For the purposes of this section—
- “default permitted rate” has the meaning given in section 43CA of the 2016 Act,
- “valid report” means a report meeting any requirements specified in regulations under section (*Assessment of need for a special rent control area*)(2).>

Section 52

Maggie Chapman

- 426** In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Assessment of need for a special rent control area*)(2) or (*Power to designate special rent control area*)(1)(b).>

Amendments to Bills lodged on 16 April 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Daily List

After section 23

Edward Mountain

- 427** After section 23, insert—

<PART

STUDENT RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES: RENT VARIATION INSTIGATED BY LANDLORD’S NOTICE

Landlord’s power to increase rent

- (1) The landlord under a student residential tenancy may increase the rent payable under the tenancy

by giving the tenant a notice in accordance with this section (“a rent-increase notice”).

- (2) The notice must—
 - (a) specify—
 - (i) the rent that will be payable once the increase takes effect,
 - (ii) the day on which the increase is to take effect, and
 - (b) fulfil any other requirements prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.
- (3) The rent increase takes effect on the effective date, unless before that date—
 - (a) the landlord intimates to the tenant that the notice is rescinded, or
 - (b) the tenant makes a referral to a rent officer under section (*Tenant’s right to refer increase to rent officer*).
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (3), the effective date is the date of the later of—
 - (a) the day specified in the notice in accordance with subsection (2)(a)(ii), or
 - (b) the day after the day on which the minimum notice period ends.
- (5) In subsection (4)(b), “the minimum notice period” means a period which—
 - (a) begins on the day the notice is received by the tenant, and
 - (b) ends on the day falling—
 - (i) three months after it began, or
 - (ii) whatever longer period after it began as the landlord and tenant have agreed between them.
- (6) In subsection (5), the reference to a period of three months is to a period which ends in the month which falls three months after the month in which it began, either—
 - (a) on the same day of the month as it began, or
 - (b) if the month in which the period ends has no such day, on the final day of that month.
- (7) In this Part, “student residential tenancy” means a tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies: student lets) of the 2016 Act applies.>

Edward Mountain

428 After section 23, insert—

<Modification of rent-increase notice by parties

- (1) Anything specified in a rent-increase notice in accordance with section (*Landlord’s power to increase rent*)(2)(a) may be modified by agreement between the landlord and tenant concerned.
- (2) A modification made to a rent-increase notice by virtue of subsection (1) ceases to have effect if the notice subsequently prompts a referral to a rent officer under section (*Tenant’s right to refer increase to rent officer*)(1).>

Edward Mountain

429 After section 23, insert—

<Tenant's right to refer increase to rent officer

- (1) Having received a rent-increase notice, a tenant may make a referral to a rent officer for the area in which the let property is situated seeking an order under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*).
- (2) A referral to a rent officer under subsection (1) must be—
 - (a) in the prescribed form,
 - (b) accompanied by the prescribed fee (if any),
 - (c) intimated by the tenant to the landlord in the prescribed manner, and
 - (d) made before the end of the day falling 21 days after the tenant receives the notice.
- (3) In subsection (3), “prescribed” means prescribed by the Scottish Ministers by regulations.>

Edward Mountain

430 After section 23, insert—

<Rent officer's power to set rent

- (1) Where a rent officer receives a referral under section (*Tenant's right to refer increase to rent officer*)(1), the rent officer must make an order stating that from the effective date the rent payable under the tenancy is the lower of—
 - (a) the rent determined by the rent officer in accordance with section (*Determination of open market rent*), and
 - (b) the rent specified in accordance with section (*Landlord's power to increase rent*)(2)(a)(i).
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), the effective date is—
 - (a) where the rent officer makes the order 14 days or more before the original effective date, the original effective date,
 - (b) otherwise, the first payment date falling at least 14 days after the day on which the rent officer makes the order.
- (3) In an order made under subsection (1), the rent officer must record the amount of the rent that is fairly attributable to the provision of services, unless the amount is negligible or no amount is so attributable.
- (4) In subsection (2)—

“original effective date” means the date on which the rent would have been increased in accordance with section (*Landlord's power to increase rent*)(4) had the referral to the rent officer not been made, and

“payment date” means a date on which a rent payment falls to be made in accordance with the terms of the tenancy.>

Edward Mountain

431 After section 23, insert—

<Rent officer's duty to issue provisional order

- (1) Before making an order under subsection (1) of section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*), a rent officer must issue a provisional order stating—

- (a) the rent which the rent officer proposes to specify under that section, and
- (b) the amount which the rent officer proposes to record for the purpose of subsection (3) of that section.
- (2) Where a rent officer has issued a provisional order under subsection (1), the landlord or the tenant may ask the rent officer to reconsider the proposed amounts.
- (3) A request under subsection (2) may not be made more than 14 days after the provisional order is issued.
- (4) If a request is made under subsection (2), the rent officer must reconsider the proposed amounts prior to making an order under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1).>

Edward Mountain

432 After section 23, insert—

<Rent officer's power to correct final order

- (1) A rent officer may, within 14 days of making an order under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1), re-make the order for the purpose of curing an error in the original order.
- (2) The effective date of the re-made order is to be specified in accordance with subsection (2) of section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*) as though it were an order made under that section.
- (3) Where an order has been re-made under this section—
 - (a) the original order is of no effect,
 - (b) references in this Chapter to an order made under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1) are to be read as references to the re-made order,
 - (c) if the original order has been appealed against under section (*Right of appeal to First-tier Tribunal*)(1), the appeal is to be regarded as having been made against the re-made order.
- (4) Subsection (3)(b) does not apply in relation to—
 - (a) subsection (1),
 - (b) section (*Rent officer's power to issue provisional order*).>

Edward Mountain

433 After section 23, insert—

<Right of appeal to First-tier Tribunal

- (1) Where a rent officer has made an order under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1), in relation to the rent payable under a private residential tenancy, the landlord or the tenant may appeal against the order to the First-tier Tribunal.
- (2) An order under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1) may not be appealed against—
 - (a) more than 14 days after the order is made, or
 - (b) where the order is made by virtue of section (*Withdrawal of referral or appeal*)(2).
- (3) Making an appeal under subsection (1) renders the order being appealed against of no effect.>

Edward Mountain

434 After section 23, insert—

<First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent

- (1) Where an appeal is made to the First-tier Tribunal under section (*Right of appeal to First-tier Tribunal*)(1), the First-tier Tribunal must make an order stating that from the effective date the rent payable under the tenancy is the lower of—
 - (a) the rent determined by the First-tier Tribunal in accordance with section (*Determination of open market rent*) and
 - (b) the rent specified in accordance with section (*Landlord's power to increase rent*)(2)(a)(i).
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), the effective date is—
 - (a) where the First-tier Tribunal makes its order on or before the original effective date, the original effective date,
 - (b) otherwise, the first payment date falling on or after the day on which the First-tier Tribunal makes its order.
- (3) In an order made under subsection (1), the First-tier Tribunal must record the amount of the rent that is fairly attributable to the provision of services, unless the amount is negligible or no amount is so attributable.
- (4) In subsection (2)—

“original effective date” means the date on which the rent would have been increased in accordance with section (*Landlord's power to increase rent*)(4) had the referral to the rent officer not been made, and

“payment date” means a date on which a rent payment falls to be made in accordance with the terms of the tenancy.>

Edward Mountain

435 After section 23, insert—

<Finality of First-tier Tribunal's decision

- (1) An order under section (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*)(1) may be reviewed in accordance with this section only.
- (2) Accordingly (and without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1)), a decision of the First-tier Tribunal to make an order under section (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*)(1) may be neither—
 - (a) reviewed under section 43 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014, nor
 - (b) appealed against under section 46 of that Act.
- (3) The First-tier Tribunal may review an order under section (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*)(1)—
 - (a) at its own instance, or
 - (b) at the request of the landlord or the tenant under the tenancy to which the order relates.
- (4) In a review under subsection (3), the First-tier Tribunal may—
 - (a) take no action, or
 - (b) correct a minor error contained in the order.>

Edward Mountain

436 After section 23, insert—

<Liability for over or under paid rent

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) the rent payable under a student residential tenancy has been changed by an order made under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1) or (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*)(1),
 - (b) the effective date stated in the order (“the actual effective date”) falls later than the date on which the rent would have been increased in accordance with section (*Landlord's power to increase rent*)(4) had a referral to a rent officer not been made (“the originally proposed effective date”), and
 - (c) the rent payable from the actual effective date (“the new rent”) differs from the rent payable immediately before that date (“the old rent”).
- (2) If the new rent is less than the old rent, on the date the order is made the landlord becomes liable under this subsection to pay the tenant the difference between—
 - (a) the amount actually paid in rent between the originally proposed effective date and the actual effective date, and
 - (b) the amount that would have been payable in rent during the same period had the new rent been the rent payable from the originally proposed effective date.
- (3) If the new rent is more than the old rent, on the date the order is made the tenant becomes liable under this subsection to pay the landlord the difference between—
 - (a) the amount that would have been payable in rent between the originally proposed effective date and the actual effective date had the new rent been the rent payable from the originally proposed effective date, and
 - (b) the amount that should have been paid in rent during the same period (whether or not it was actually paid).
- (5) In this section, a reference to a period between two dates includes both of those dates.>

Edward Mountain

437 After section 23, insert—

<Determination of open market rent

- (1) Where an order maker is to determine the rent under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1) or (as the case may be) (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*)(1), the determination is to be made on the basis that the property in question would be let by a willing landlord to a hypothetical willing tenant under a new tenancy which would—
 - (a) be a student residential tenancy,
 - (b) begin on the date on which the rent would have been increased in accordance with section (*Landlord's power to increase rent*)(4) had a referral to a rent officer not been made,
 - (c) have the same terms as the tenancy to which the referral or (as the case may be) appeal relates.
- (2) In determining the open market rent of the property under subsection (1), the order maker is to

disregard—

- (a) any positive effect on the rental value of the property that is attributable to work paid for or carried out by the tenant or a previous tenant under the same tenancy, unless the work was paid for or carried out pursuant to a requirement under the terms of the tenancy,
 - (b) any negative effect on the rental value that is attributable to a failure by the tenant or a previous tenant under the same tenancy to comply with the terms of the tenancy.
- (3) In a case where two or more persons jointly are the tenant under a tenancy, a reference to the tenant in subsection (2) includes any one of them.>

Edward Mountain

438 After section 23, insert—

<Withdrawal of referral or appeal

- (1) This section applies—
 - (a) where a referral made under section (*Tenant's right to refer increase to rent officer*)(1) is withdrawn by the tenant, or
 - (b) where—
 - (i) an appeal made under section (*Right of appeal to First-tier Tribunal*)(1) is withdrawn by one party, and
 - (ii) the other party has not made an appeal in respect of the tenancy in question, or any appeal made by the other party has been withdrawn.
- (2) The order maker must make an order under section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(1) or (as the case may be) (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*)(1) stating that from the effective date the rent payable under the tenancy is—
 - (a) the rent specified in the rent-increase notice, or
 - (b) an amount which the parties have asked the order maker to state in the order.
- (3) Where the order maker is the First-tier Tribunal, an order may not be made by virtue of subsection (2) until the earlier of—
 - (a) the expiry of the period within which an appeal under section (*Right of appeal to First-tier Tribunal*)(1) may be made, or
 - (b) the date on which both parties become ineligible to make an appeal (whether by withdrawing an appeal or by waiving the right to appeal).
- (4) The following do not apply in relation to an order made by virtue of subsection (2)—
 - (a) the requirement to record in the order an amount in accordance with section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*)(3) or (as the case may be) (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*)(3),
 - (b) the duty to issue a provisional order under section (*Rent officer's duty to issue provisional order*).
- (5) In subsection (2), “the rent-increase notice” means the rent-increase notice which prompted the referral or (as the case may be) led to the appeal.>

Edward Mountain

439 After section 23, insert—

<Duty to make information available

- (1) Rent officers and the First-tier Tribunal collectively must make publicly available information about—
 - (a) the rents they have taken into account in determining the open market rents for let properties under section (*Determination of open market rent*),
 - (b) what rents they have determined in accordance with that section, and
 - (c) what rents they have ordered to be payable in accordance with section (*Rent officer's power to set rent*) or (as the case may be) (*First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent*).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
 - (a) specify—
 - (i) the information that is to be made available under subsection (1),
 - (ii) the manner in which it is to be made available,
 - (b) prescribe the fees (if any) which may be charged for supplying the information.>

After section 29

Paul Sweeney

440 After section 29, insert—

<Scottish secure tenancies: tenant approval

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 115A (tenant approval), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The registered social landlord may make the proposed disposal providing that at least two-thirds of the tenants—

- (a) voting in a ballot conducted under section 115(1)(a) wish the arrangement to proceed, or, as the case may be,
- (b) whose written agreement to the arrangement was sought under section 115A(1)(b) have given that agreement.”.>

Section 52

Edward Mountain

441 In section 52, page 61, line 17, after <(4)> insert <or sections (*Landlord's power to increase rent*)(2)(b), (*Tenant's right to refer increase to rent officer*)(3) and (*Duty to make information available*)(2)>

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Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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After section 28

Ariane Burgess

442 After section 28, insert—

<PART

STANDARDS OF LET PROPERTY

Lettable standard

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 84A insert—

“PART IIIA

STANDARDS OF LET PROPERTY

84B Lettable standard

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision about the minimum standards that all residential let properties must meet (“the Lettable Standard”).
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must in particular set standards about—
 - (a) the cleanliness and habitable state of let property,
 - (b) compliance with relevant health and safety regulations, including in relation to—
 - (i) gas,
 - (ii) electrical appliances,
 - (iii) fire safety,
 - (iv) water safety,
 - (c) compliance with all other relevant legislative requirements, including energy efficiency,
 - (d) the needs of incoming tenants.
- (3) The minimum standards set in regulations under subsection (1) must not be of a lower standard than standards set in other legislation relating to residential let properties.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision about—
 - (a) guidance to be prepared by the Scottish Ministers on the Lettable Standard,
 - (b) publicising information about the Lettable Standard to landlords and tenants,
 - (c) compliance with the Lettable Standard,
 - (d) enforcement of the Lettable Standard.
- (5) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) organisations representing the interests of landlords,
 - (b) organisations representing the interests of tenants,
 - (c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

- (6) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

After section 38

Graham Simpson

- 231A As an amendment to amendment 231, line 9, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Graham Simpson

- 231B As an amendment to amendment 231, line 14, at end insert—

<(ac) the requirement for inspection and approval of any repairs to address issues related to damp or mould,”.>

Graham Simpson

- 443 After section 38, insert—

<Qualifying repairs: timescales for regulations

The Scottish Ministers must lay a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under section 27 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (as modified by section (*Social landlords: qualifying repairs*)) within 6 months of section (*Social landlords: qualifying repairs*) coming into force.>

Graham Simpson

- 444 After section 38, insert—

<Repairs: private landlords

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations ensure that private landlords are under equivalent obligations as social landlords in relation to the requirement to address issues of damp or mould in a let property.
- (2) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must consult persons who appear to them to represent the interests of tenants and landlords, and
 - (b) may consult any other person they consider appropriate.>

After section 51

Ariane Burgess

- 445 After section 51, insert—

<Cohousing

Cohousing: guidance

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 2 years of Royal Assent, prepare and publish guidance on cohousing in Scotland.
- (2) Guidance under subsection (1) may include—

- (a) accepted definitions of types of cohousing applicable in Scotland,
 - (b) information on different types of cohousing,
 - (c) models for the development of cohousing,
 - (d) how local authorities should support the development of cohousing,
 - (e) how other bodies should support the development of cohousing,
 - (f) monitoring and data collection concerning cohousing in Scotland,
 - (g) any other matters that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) When developing guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may review and, if they consider it appropriate to do so, revise the guidance from time to time.
- (5) Subsections (3) and (4) apply to revised guidance as they apply to the guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (6) For the purposes of this section, cohousing has the meaning specified by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.>

Section 52

Graham Simpson

446 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Repairs: private landlords*)(1)>

Ariane Burgess

447 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Cohousing: guidance*)(6)>

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Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 22 April 2025

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 17 December 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (G) *(introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill)*

Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 2 April 2025

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 2 April 2025

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Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 1 April 2025

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(legislationteam@parliament.scot)*

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee) published, 10 December 2024

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 23 April 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 2025

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 23 April 2025

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 3) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 24 April 2025

The deadline has passed for amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5 homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title.

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 29 April 2025

All amendments other than those that are to be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 26 March 2025

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(legislationteam@parliament.scot)*

Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 25 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12th Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 2 April 2025

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Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (24th Report, 2025)

Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 25 March 2025

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2025)

Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 20 February 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 March 2025

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 12 March 2025

Lead committee – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 2 April 2025

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Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 27 March 2025

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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM-S6-54

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 22 April 2025

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 1 April 2025

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53a

Lodged on 3 April 2025

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c

Lodged on 24 February 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 February 2025

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill LCM-S6-56

Lodged on 27 March 2025

Meeting (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 22 April 2025

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-50a

Lodged on 3 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill LCM-S6-55

Lodged on 21 March 2025

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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Report – Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (9th Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2024)

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Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 23 April 2025

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*re-laid 27 February 2025*) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 4 May 2025

[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*10 March 2025*) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 18 May 2025

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (*24 March 2025*) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 27 April 2025

Lead committee report due by 21 April 2025

[Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax \(Discounts\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/55\)](#) (*3 March 2025*) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Council Tax \(Exempt Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/56\)](#) (*3 March 2025*) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Rules Order of Council 2025 \(SI 2025/240\)](#) (*3 March 2025*) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 April 2025

Lead committee report due by 28 April 2025

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/58\)](#) (*6 March 2025*) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 7 May 2025

Lead committee report due by 5 May 2025

[Recognition of Overseas Qualifications \(Charges\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/67\)](#) (*13 March 2025*) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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Subject to annulment 12 May 2025
Lead committee report due by 5 May 2025

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/78\) \(18 March 2025\)](#)
 (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 May 2025
Lead committee report due by 12 May 2025

[Railway Closure \(Exclusion\) \(Hairmyres\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/81\) \(21 March 2025\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 26 May 2025
Lead committee report due by 19 May 2025

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/101\) \(1 April 2025\)](#) (Criminal justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 May 2025
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[Disease Control \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/108\) \(3 April 2025\)](#)
 (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 15 April 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24th Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Supplementary Delegated powers in the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 766)

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